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## National & States Affairs

**151.** On October 7, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a 9-member task force to monitor cheetah introduction in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) will facilitate the working of the Cheetah Task Force and render all necessary help. The task force will be in force for a period of 2 years. The task force will also monitor hunting skills and adaptation of cheetahs. As per section 38L of 'The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972', the Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment and Forests shall be the Chairperson of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MoEFCC – constituted a 9-member task force to monitor cheetah introduction in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
- NTCA – will facilitate the working of the Cheetah Task Force
- HQs of NTCA – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bhupender Yadav
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

**152.** In October 2022, a new feature called the “Bharatskills Forum” has been added to the Bharatskills learning platform developed by Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). This facility shall act as a digital warehouse for the skilling community by allowing sharing of contents in various forms like handwritten trainers’ or trainees’ notes, PDFs, scanned copies, or recorded videos in any language. In October 2019, the DGT had launched an online learning platform called the “Bharatskills”, a central digital repository for the trainees and trainers of the ITI ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Bharatskills Forum” – a new feature that has been added to the Bharatskills learning platform developed by DGT
- “Bharatskills”, an online learning platform – launched by DGT in October 2019 for the ITI ecosystem
- DGT – works under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**153.** On October 8, Tamil Nadu government promulgated an ordinance to prohibit online gambling and regulate online games in the State. As per the general prohibitions, no bank, financial institution or payment gateway provider shall engage in any transaction or authorisation of funds towards payment for any online gambling or any online game of chance. Online gambling means online wagering or betting and includes playing any online game of chance for money or other stakes in any manner. Violators will be imprisoned for a term extending to 3 months or with fine which may extend to Rs 5,000 or both. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – promulgated an ordinance to prohibit online gambling and regulate online games
- Violators will be imprisoned for a term extending to 3 months or with fine which may extend to Rs 5,000 or both
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi



**154.** On October 9, PM Narendra Modi declared Modhera village in Gujarat's Mehsana district as India's first 24x7 (round-the-clock) solar-powered village. It involved developing a ground-mounted solar power plant and more than 1,300 rooftop solar systems on residential and government buildings in the village. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – declared Modhera village (Mehsana district, Gujarat) as India's 1<sup>st</sup> 24x7 solar-powered village
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

**155.** On October 4, the Uttar Pradesh government announced the formation of the state's first three all-woman battalions of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC). Three Provincial Sashastra Seema Bal PAC woman battalions have been named after Veer Naris - Rani Avantibai Lodhi, Uday Devi and Jhalkari Bai, who sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle of India. The move comes with the aim to entrust the responsibility of security of the state with women. Also, women's help desks were set up at all 1,584 police stations of the state by appointing women beat constables. To crack down on online crimes against women, a women's cyber cell was formed at the cyber police station by the state government. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh – formed its first three all-woman Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) battalions
- 3 Provincial Sashastra Seema Bal PAC woman battalions are named after – Rani Avantibai Lodhi, Uday Devi & Jhalkari Bai
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

**156.** The Union Cabinet approved the Indian Railways' proposal worth ₹10,000 Cr for redevelopment of three major stations - New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT). The redevelopment is expected to be completed in 2.5 to 3.5 years. Overall, the government is currently working on redevelopment of 199 stations, of which tenders have been issued for redevelopment of 47 stations. The overall cost for redevelopment of 199 stations is estimated to be about ₹60,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Union Cabinet approved the Indian Railways' proposal worth ₹10,000 Cr for redevelopment of 3 major stations
- The three stations are: New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus
- The government is working on redevelopment of 199 stations (Cost - 60000 Cr)

**157.** On October 11, Toyota launched its 'Corolla Altis Hybrid', India's first Ethanol-ready flex fuel hybrid car. The vehicle was unveiled by Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari. Flex fuel vehicles can run on flexible fuels- petrol, ethanol or a blend of petrol and ethanol. They can also power the engine from the battery as well. It will also help India in reducing its dependence on fuel imports. The government of India has started production of flex fuel in India. These are classified as E95, E90 and E85 depending on the petrol-ethanol ratio. Toyota Corolla Altis Hybrid is a first-of-its-kind pilot project vehicle that is based on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) technology. Vinod Aggarwal is the President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Toyota – launched its 'Corolla Altis Hybrid', India's first Ethanol-ready flex fuel hybrid car
- This car is based on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) technology
- [HQs of SIAM – New Delhi | President – Vinod Aggarwal](#)



## International Affairs

**158.** On October 5, the European Union (EU) has given final approval to online safety-focused legislation called the “Digital Services Act (DSA)”, which is an overhaul of the region’s social media and e-commerce rules. The law tightly regulates the way intermediaries, especially large platforms such as Google, Meta, Twitter, and YouTube, function in terms of moderating user content. The majority of its provisions will begin to apply 15 months after the DSA’s entry into force. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- EU has given final approval to online safety-focused legislation called the “Digital Services Act (DSA)”
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen

**159.** On October 8, the USA has imposed Foreign Direct Product Rule (FDPR) on China to cripple its tech sector. The US officials applied this rule to China’s Advanced Computing and Supercomputer industry to stop it from obtaining Advanced Computing Chips. The FDPR was first introduced in 1959 to control trading of US technologies. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- USA – imposed Foreign Direct Product Rule (FDPR) on China’s Advanced Computing & Supercomputer industry
- FDPR – first introduced in 1959 to control trading of US technologies
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**160.** According to a Reuters report, the UK is being asked to return the 2,000-year-old Rosetta Stone to Egypt. It is a large stone slab that has fascinated the world since its discovery around two centuries ago. The Rosetta Stone is the British Museum’s most visited object and has been critical to modern knowledge of ancient Egypt. Before the Rosetta Stone was found, there was no knowledge of what Egyptian hieroglyphs exactly meant and how they were translated. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UK – is being asked to return the 2,000-year-old Rosetta Stone to Egypt
- The Rosetta Stone is the British Museum’s most visited object
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Rishi Sunak | New King – King Charles III
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

## Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

**161.** On October 5, the Union Finance Ministry allowed airlines to avail loan of up to Rs 1,500 Crore under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), to help them tide over their cash flow problems. Earlier, an airline could avail of a loan of not more than Rs 400 Crore under the ECLGS. The Finance Ministry’s decision is likely to benefit financially-beleaguered airlines, such as SpiceJet. Department of Financial Services (DFS) has enhanced the maximum loan amount eligibility for airlines under the ECLGS to 100% of their total credit outstanding. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Finance Ministry allowed airlines to avail loan of up to Rs 1,500 Crore under the 'ECLGS' (from Rs 400 Cr earlier)
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

**162.** On October 6, to enhance the effectiveness of its grievance redressal systems, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has urged Credit Information Companies (CICs) to designate an Internal Ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023. Only complaints that the CIC has already reviewed but rejected in whole or in part will be handled by the IO. The internal ombudsman will report administratively to the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the CIC and functionally to the Board. Currently, there are 4 CICs - Credit Information Bureau (India) Ltd (CIBIL), Equifax Credit Information Services Pvt Ltd, Experian Credit Information Company of India Pvt Ltd and CRIF High Mark Credit Information Services Pvt Ltd. These companies are governed by the "Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI – urged Credit Information Companies (CICs) to designate an Internal Ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023
- Only complaints that the CIC has already reviewed but rejected in whole or in part will be handled by the IO
- IO – will report administratively to the MD or CEO of the CIC & functionally to the Board
- Currently, there are 4 CICs which are governed by "Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005"

**163.** On October 7, the Union Government and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) announced to divest 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank. Currently, LIC holds 49.24% stake while the GoI holds 45.48% in IDBI Bank. The LIC will divest 30.24% in the bank while GoI will divest 30.48% stake in the bank. IDBI Bank had become a subsidiary of LIC with effect from January 21, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Central Govt + LIC = announced to divest 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank
- LIC will divest 30.24% in the bank while GoI will divest 30.48% stake in the bank
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD CEO – Rakesh Sharma | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Established in – 1964

**164.** On October 7, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a Concept Note on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) providing objectives, choices, benefits and risks of issuing a CBDC in India, referred to as e₹ (digital rupee). The Concept Note also discusses key considerations such as technology and design choices, possible uses of digital rupee, issuance mechanisms etc. The Note also seeks to explain Reserve Bank's approach towards introduction of the digital Rupee. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI – released a Concept Note on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), referred to as e₹ (digital rupee)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established on – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

**165.** On October 9, South Indian Bank created a world record for organising 'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam' (sit together and swing), a first-of-its-kind category event of staging and swinging 101 'Oonjals' simultaneously at a single venue. South Indian Bank MD & CEO Murali Ramakarishnan along with its group business head Thomas Joseph K received the World Book of Records certification. The event aimed at promoting unity and prosperity among the people and the swing represents fun and enjoyment. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- South Indian Bank – created a world record for organising ‘Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam’ (sit together & swing)
- It is a first-of-its-kind category event of staging and swinging 101 ‘Oonjals’ simultaneously at a single venue
- HQs of South Indian Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – Murali Ramakrishnan

**166.** October 5, the RBI has approved linking of RuPay Credit Cards to UPI, which will provide a seamless, digitally enabled credit card lifecycle experience for the customers. There will be no charge for RuPay Credit Card use on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions up to ₹2,000 in line with the RBI direction. Nil MDR (no interchange, PSP & app provider charges) shall apply for this category up to the transaction amount less than and equal to ₹2,000. Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is the cost paid by a merchant to a bank for accepting payment from their customers via credit or debit cards. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI – approved linking of RuPay Credit Cards to UPI
- There is no charge or MDR (**M**erchant **D**iscount **R**ate) for RuPay Credit Card use on UPI for transactions up to ₹2,000
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established on – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

**167.** On October 7, the BSE received approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the BSE. In July, SEBI notified rules for Social Stock Exchange (SSE) to provide social enterprises with an additional avenue to raise funds. In its circular, the SEBI had specified minimum requirements to be met by a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) for registration with SSE. NPO needs to be registered as a Charitable Trust and should be registered for at least 3 years. It should have spent at least Rs 50 Lakh annually in the past financial year and should have received a funding of at least Rs 10 Lakh in the past financial year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BSE received approval from the SEBI to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment
- Minimum requirements to be met by NPO for registration with SSE:
  - NPO needs to be registered as a Charitable Trust and should be registered for at least 3 years
  - NPO should have spent at least Rs 50 Lakh annually in the past financial year
  - NPO should have received a funding of at least Rs 10 Lakh in the past financial year
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Subhash Sheoratan Mundra | MD & CEO – Ashish kumar Chauhan

**168.** On October 7, the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has notified the establishment of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) for providing credit guarantees to loans extended by Scheduled Commercial Banks, NBFCs and SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). The exposure to individual cases would be capped at Rs 10 Cr per case or the actual outstanding credit amount, whichever is less. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- DPIIT – established the CGSS for providing credit guarantees to loans extended by SCBs, NBFCs & SEBI-registered AIFs
- The exposure to individual cases would be capped at Rs 10 Cr per case
- HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi | DPIIT works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry



## Defence Affairs

**169.** On October 6, Indian Army's Northern Command inducted "Kalyani M4", an indigenous all-terrain high mobility combat troop carrier with armour and mine protection, in Jammu and Kashmir. Kalyani M4 is manufactured by Kalyani Group's Bharat Forge. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian Army (Northern Command) – inducted "Kalyani M4" in Jammu & Kashmir
- Kalyani M4 – an indigenous all-terrain high mobility combat troop carrier with armour & mine protection
- Kalyani M4 is manufactured by – Kalyani Group's Bharat Forge
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj

**170.** On October 8, the Union government has approved the creation of a new branch, called the "Weapon Systems (WS) Branch" in the Indian Air Force (IAF). The creation of WS branch would entail unification of all weapon system operators under one entity dedicated to the operational employment of all ground-based and specialist airborne weapon systems. The branch would encompass operators in four specialised streams of Surface-to-Surface missiles, Surface-to-Air missiles, Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Weapon System Operators in twin/multi-crew aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Govt approved the creation of a new branch, the "Weapon Systems (WS) Branch" in the IAF
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- Motto of IAF – "Nabha Sparsham Deeptham" or "Touch the Sky with Glory"



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## Sports & Games

**171.** On October 8, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced that Goa will host the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Games in October, 2023. The Goa delegation received the IOA flag in the Closing Ceremony of the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games on 12th October, 2022 in Surat, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Goa – will host the 37<sup>th</sup> National Games in October, 2023
- Goa – received the IOA flag in the Closing Ceremony of the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games in Surat, Gujarat
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai
- HQs of IOA – New Delhi | President – Anil Khanna (acting) | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta

**172.** On October 8, Indian Snooker Pankaj Advani won his 25<sup>th</sup> world title after beating compatriot Sourav Kothari at the IBSF World Billiards Championships (150-up). Advani amassed over 600 points to defend world title for a 5th year in a row. Advani's last world title came over 12 months ago in Qatar where he won the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Pankaj Advani – won his 25<sup>th</sup> world title by winning 'IBSF World Billiards Championships' (defeating - Sourav Kothari)
- HQs of IBSF – Doha, Qatar | President – Mubarak Al-Khayarin | Founded in – 1971



**173.** On October 9, Czech Republic's Barbora Krejckova broke World No. 1 Iga Swiatek's 10-match winning streak with a thrilling 3-set victory to clinch the Women's singles title at the "Ostrava Open 2022" in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Poland's Swiatek has won the French Open and US Open this year. The 26-year-old Krejckova became the first woman to beat Swiatek in a tour-level final this season. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Barbora Krejckova (Czech Republic) – won Women's singles title at the "Ostrava Open 2022" in Ostrava, Czech Republic
- Barbora defeated World No. 1 Iga Swiatek (Poland)

**174.** In October 2022, the Rest of India team defeated Saurashtra team by 8 wickets in Rajkot to clinch the "Irani Cup", a test match format cricket tournament in India. The Rest of India side has captured its 25<sup>th</sup> title by defeating Saurashtra, the winner of 2019-20 Ranji Trophy. Mukesh Kumar earned the 'Man of the Match' award. The tournament was organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rest of India team – clinched its 25<sup>th</sup> title by winning the "Irani Cup" held in Rajkot (defeating - Saurashtra)
- Saurashtra Team – won the '2019-20 Ranji Trophy'

**175.** On October 9, Red Bull's Max Verstappen was declared Formula One world champion at the "Japanese Grand Prix 2022". Verstappen was awarded the title when second-place finisher Charles Leclerc of Ferrari was given five-second penalty. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch - Red Bull) – won the F1 "Japanese Grand Prix 2022"
- With this, Max is declared '2022 Formula 1 World Champion'

**176.** In October 2022, Pooja Patel of Gujarat is the first athlete to win Gold in Yogasana at the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games in Gujarat. This 2022 National Games featured 5 sports, including yogasana, which was performed there for the first time. The 36<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Games of India was held in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar in Gujarat between 29 September and 12 October 2022. In other events, Maharashtra won Gold in the women's diving 1-meter springboard event. Moreover, Chhattisgarh's Aakarshi Kashyap won Gold medal in Women's Singles Badminton at the National Games, by defeating Maharashtra's Malvika Bansod. While in Men's Singles Badminton, Telangana's B Sai Praneeth won Gold by defeating Karnataka's Mithun Manjunath. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 36<sup>th</sup> National Games – held in Gujarat
- Pooja Patel (Gujarat) – became the first athlete to win Gold in Yogasana
- Maharashtra – won Gold in the women's diving 1-meter springboard event
- Aakarshi Kashyap (Chhattisgarh) – won Gold medal in Women's Singles Badminton
- B Sai Praneeth (Telangana) – won Gold in Men's Singles Badminton
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

**177.** On October 9, Novak Djokovic claimed the 90<sup>th</sup> title of his career and the 4<sup>th</sup> of 2022, by clinching men's singles title at the "Astana Open 2022" held at Astana, Kazakhstan. He defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece. It was part of the ATP Tour 500 Series of the 2022 ATP Tour. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Novak Djokovic (Serbia - Tennis) – won men’s singles title of the “Astana Open 2022” in Kazakhstan
- Kazakhstan – Astana – Tenge | President – Kassym-Jomart Tokayev | PM – Alikhan Smailov

## **Arts & Cultural Affairs**

**178.** On October 7, a first of its kind 6-day “Bird Festival 2022” was inaugurated at Pahalgam in south Kashmir’s Anantnag district, in Jammu & Kashmir. The Bird Festival was organised by the J & K Tourism Department in collaboration with Sanctuary Nature Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Bird Festival 2022” – inaugurated at Pahalgam in Anantnag district (J & K)
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

## **Science & Technology**

**179.** On October 7, India’s first green technology incubation centre called the “Greenovator Incubation Foundation” is set to open at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar. The centre is expected to start by the end of 2023. The centre will focus on topics like AgriTech, EnviroTech, and AlterTech. Moreover, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) will finance and support a 3-year initiative known as ‘Inclusive TBI (i-TBI)’ for educational institutions, idea generators, innovators, and entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India’s first green technology incubation centre, “Greenovator Incubation Foundation” – to open at NIT, Srinagar
- Dept. of S&T will finance & support a 3-year initiative ‘Inclusive TBI (i-TBI)’

**180.** On October 10, Russia launched its Soyuz-2.1b rocket carrying the GLONASS-K navigation system from Plesetsk cosmodrome. GLONASS-K is a navigation satellite intended as a part of the Russian GLONASS radio-based satellite navigation system. GLONASS system is seen as a potential rival to the U.S. global positioning system (GPS). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Russia – launched ‘GLONASS-K’ navigation system on its Soyuz-2.1b rocket
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin





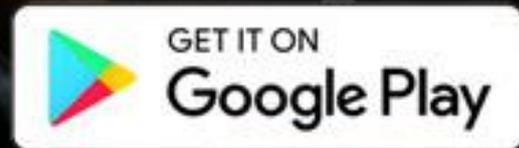
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# Appointments & Resignations

**181.** In October 2022, Giorgia Meloni was sworn in as Italy's first female Prime Minister. Meloni was sworn in by Italian President Sergio Mattarella in a ceremony at the Quirinale Palace in Rome. She heads an alliance of far-right and centre-right parties, her own party, Brothers of Italy, chief among them. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Giorgia Meloni – sworn in as the first female Prime Minister of Italy
- [Italy – Rome – Euro](#) | [President – Sergio Mattarella](#) | [PM – Giorgia Meloni](#)

**182.** On October 5, the US President Joe Biden nominated Dr. Vivek Murthy to serve as America's representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Murthy will serve in the new position alongside his continued duties as the Surgeon General of the US. He was confirmed by the US Senate in March 2021 to serve as the 21<sup>st</sup> Surgeon General of the US. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Vivek Murthy – appointed as America's representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#) | [Founded in – 1948](#)

# Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**183.** On October 8, the “Nobel Peace Prize for 2022” has been given jointly to an individual and two organisations who stand, directly or indirectly, against Russia. The prize is awarded to Ales Bialiatski, Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties, and Russian human rights organisation, Memorial. Ales is a jailed Belarus civil rights activist who is in jail since 2021. The Center was founded in Kyiv in 2007 with the aim of advancing human rights and democracy in Ukraine. Memorial was established by human rights activists in the former Soviet Union during the Gorbachev years of glasnost and perestroika. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- “Nobel Peace Prize for 2022” awardees:
  - Ales Bialiatski (Belarus) – a civil rights activist
  - Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine) – a human rights organisation
  - Memorial (Russia) – a human rights organisation
- Nobel Prize is given in 6 fields: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, Economic Sciences
- Nobel Prize started in 5 fields – in 1901 & Economic Sciences was added – in 1968

**184.** On October 8, India defender Harmanpreet Singh was named the “FIH Player of the Year 2021-22” in the men's category for the second consecutive year. The Indian Hockey Team's vice-captain Harmanpreet has scored an incredible 18 goals from 16 games. In women's category, Felice Albers of Netherlands was named the “FIH Player of the Year 2021-22”. The 22-year-old became the second youngest ever winner of the FIH Player of the Year award (women's category). [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Harmanpreet Singh – named the “FIH Player of the Year 2021-22” in the men’s category
- Felice Albers (Netherlands) – named the “FIH Player of the Year 2021-22” in the women’s category
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Seif Ahmed | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

## Schemes & Initiatives

**185.** On October 7, the Central Government extended the timeline up to March 31, 2023 for disbursement of loans under the Ethanol Blending programme interest subsidy scheme, notified first in 2018, to facilitate entrepreneurs to complete their projects while availing of government support. Currently, interest subvention at 6% per annum or 50% of the rate of interest charged by banks, whichever is lower, is available to sugar mills for 5 years, including a 1-year moratorium under the “Scheme for extending financial assistance to sugar mills for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity”. In April, the government extended the timeline for the disbursement of loans under the scheme by 6 months, which expired on September 30, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government extended the timeline up to March 31, 2023 for disbursement of loans under Ethanol Blending programme interest subsidy scheme
- Interest subvention: 6% per annum or 50% of rate of interest charged by banks, whichever is lower
- This interest subvention is available to sugar mills for 5 years (including a 1-year moratorium)

## Important Days & Dates

**186.** Every year, “Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM)” is observed in the month of October, from 1 to 31, also known as the “Pink Month”. Breast cancer affects one in eight women during their lives. An international symbol of breast cancer awareness is ‘Pink Ribbon’. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 1 to 31 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month or Pink Month
- International symbol of breast cancer awareness – ‘Pink Ribbon’

**187.** World Mental Health Day is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to mobilize efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues. Every year since 2013, the World Health Organization (WHO) has organized a global campaign for World Mental Health Day. The day was first observed on October 10, 1992. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Make Mental Health for All a Global Priority”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 10 – World Mental Health Day (since 1992)
- 2022’s Theme – “Make Mental Health for All a Global Priority”
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948



**188.** The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) observed October 1 as “National Pension System (NPS) Diwas” to encourage pension and retirement planning among Indian residents. NPS Diwas was established by PFRDA in 2021 as part of a programme to encourage pension and retirement planning for a worry-free “Azad” retirement. The overall number of NPS subscribers as of September 24, 2022, was 571.86 lakhs (5.72 Cr), while the total assets under management (AUM) were at ₹7,99,467 Cr (7.99 trillion). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October 1 – National Pension System (NPS) Diwas – by PFRDA (since 2021)
- Overall number of NPS subscribers as of September 24, 2022 – 571.86 Lakhs
- Total Assets Under Management (AUM) – ₹7,99,467 Cr (7.99 trillion)
- [HQs of PFRDA – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Supratim Bandyopadhyay](#) | [Founded in – 2003](#)

**189.** 10 October, 2022 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> World Day against the Death Penalty, which is an annual occasion to broaden public awareness on the need for abolition. This year, the Day is dedicated to the link between the capital punishment and ill-treatment, which was first established in the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. The day was first organised by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2003. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October 10 – 20<sup>th</sup> World Day against the Death Penalty – by World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (since 2003)

**190.** October 5 was observed as “National Dolphin Day” to raise awareness for dolphin conservation. ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore commemorated ‘National Dolphin Day’ at four different places in West Bengal namely Farakka, Nabadwip, Tribeni, and Balagarh on the bank of river Ganga under Namami Gange Program. On 15 August 2020, the “Project Dolphin” was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to include both river dolphins and marine dolphins in its conservation program. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October 5 – “National Dolphin Day”
- “Project Dolphin” was launched on 15 August, 2020 by PM Narendra Modi

**191.** World Post Day is observed each year on October 9 across the world. This day celebrates the role of the post in people’s and businesses’ everyday lives. World Post Day was instituted at the 1969 UPU Congress in Tokyo, Japan to commemorate the date of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union which was started in 1874 in Switzerland. The “Indian Post Office Act, 1898” was passed by the legislature on March 22, 1898. It became active on July 1, 1898. The theme for World Post Day 2022 is “Post for Planet”. Indian Post is the world’s largest postal system. Moreover, National Post Week is observed every year across India from October 9 to 13. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October 9 – world Post Day (since 1969)
- 2022’s Theme – “Post for Planet”
- October 9 to 13 – National Post Week
- [HQs of UPU – Bern, Switzerland](#) | [Director General – Bishar Hussein](#) | [Established – 1874](#)

## Books & Authors

**192.** IPS officer Vishwas Nangre Patil authored a book titled “Kar Har Maidan Fateh” which was translated by Subha Pande from Marathi into English as “Win All Your Battles”. Vishwas Nangre Patil is the Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order), Mumbai City. One more book authored by Vishwas Nangre Patil in Marathi is “Mann Mein Hai Vishwas” which was translated into English as “Head Held High”.

### **Key Points:**

- “Kar Har Maidan Fateh” Marathi book – authored by IPS officer Vishwas Nangre Patil
- “Win All Your Battles” book, English translation of “Kar Har Maidan Fateh” – by Subha Pande
- “Mann Mein Hai Vishwas” Marathi book – authored by Vishwas Nangre Patil (English - ‘Head Held High’)

## Obituaries

**193.** On October 10, Kavignar Subbu Arumugam of Tamil Nadu, who popularised villupaattu, a folk art of southern districts, across Tamil Nadu, passed away at the age of 95. He was an Indian musician, writer and Villupattu theatre art exponent. Subbu Arumugam was conferred with Padma Shri, India’s fourth highest civilian award, in 2021. Earlier, he was presented the Sangeetha Natak Akademi Award by the President of India. Moreover, he was also honoured with Kalaimamani Award and Bharathi Award by the Tamil Nadu Government in 1975 and 2017, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Kavignar Subbu Arumugam (Tamil Nadu) – an Indian Musician, Writer & Villupattu Theatre Art Exponent – passed away
- Awards: Padma Shri (2021), Sangeetha Natak Akademi Award, Kalaimamani Award (by TN), Bharathi Award (by TN)

**194.** On October 10, Samajwadi Party founder and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Mulayam Singh Yadav, passed away at the age of 82. He served as the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister 3 times (1989-91, 1993-95, and 2003-2007). He became the Member of Parliament (MP) 7 times. He was often referred to as “Netaji” by party leaders and was the first President of Samajwadi Party. His constituency was Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Mulayam Singh Yadav (‘Netaji’) – Samajwadi Party’s Founder & President and former CM of UP – passed away
- He was the CM of UP 3 times & Member of Parliament 7 times | Constituency – Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh

**195.** On October 10, Renowned Naga Poet, Writer and Academic Padma Shri, Dr Temsula Ao, passed away at the age of 80 in Dimapur. She was a Professor of English at North Eastern Hill University from where she retired in 2010. She had also served in several key positions, including the Chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women. She was a famous literary figure in the northeast and the recipient of the Nagaland Governor’s Award for Distinction in Literature, Meghalaya Governor’s Award for Distinction in Literature, Meghalaya Governor’s Gold Medal, the Sahitya Akademi award, apart from the prestigious Padma Shri award. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Dr. Temsula Ao (Nagaland) – a Poet, Writer & English Professor – passed away
- Awards: Padma Shri, Sahitya Akademi Award, Nagaland & Meghalaya Governors’ Award for Distinction in Literature



## Meetings, Conferences & Summits

**196.** On October 7, Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy R. K. Singh unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) along with side events scheduled to be held in New Delhi from October 17-20, 2022. The Assembly is the apex decision-making body of ISA, in which each Member Country is represented. The Fifth Assembly of the ISA deliberated on the key initiatives of ISA on three critical issues Energy access, Energy security, and Energy transition. The ISA's mission is to unlock US\$ 1 trillion of investments in solar by 2030 while reducing the cost of the technology and its financing. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- R. K. Singh – unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in New Delhi
- The ISA's mission is to unlock US\$ 1 trillion of investments in solar by 2030
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Ajay Mathur | Signatory Countries – 110 | Member countries – 90

**197.** In October 2022, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla attended the 8<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit held in Jakarta, Indonesia. He led the Indian delegation of the "P-20 Conference" (organization of the parliaments of G-20) to Jakarta comprising Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha PC Mody, and other officials. The G20 is made up of 19 countries and the European Union. The 17<sup>th</sup> G20 Heads of State and Government Summit will be held in Indonesia in November 2022, after which India will assume the presidency of G20 from December 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 8<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P-20 Conference) – held in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Om Birla – led the Indian delegation of the "P-20 Conference" (organization of the parliaments of G-20)
- 17<sup>th</sup> G20 Heads of State & Government Summit will be held in Indonesia in November 2022
- India – to assume the Presidency of G20 from December 2022
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**198.** According to a new World Bank report, titled "Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course", the Covid pandemic has been the biggest setback to global poverty alleviation in decades. The world is unlikely to meet the goal of ending extreme poverty by 2030, according to the report. The report states that global poverty reduction has been slowing down since 2015 but the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine have completely reversed the outcomes. Global median income declined by 4% in 2020, the first decline since measurements of median income began in 1990. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course" report – by World Bank
- World is unlikely to meet the goal of ending extreme poverty by 2030 | Global median income declined by 4% in 2020
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



**199.** Demand for wood products like mass timber and man-made cellulose fibre used as substitutes for non-renewable materials may increase by up to 272 million cubic metres by 2050, according to “The Global Forest Sector Outlook 2050: Assessing Future Demand and Sources of Timber for a Sustainable Economy” released by the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). In developing countries, it will lead to the creation of around 1 million jobs. Consumption of primary processed wood products is expected increase to 3.1 billion cubic metre (bcm) by 2050 from 2.2 bcm in 2020. A total of \$40 billion (Rs 3.3 lakh crore) per annum in investment will be required to maintain and expand industrial roundwood (IRW) production by 2050, according to the report. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Global Forest Sector Outlook 2050” – released by the FAO
- Demand for wood products used as substitutes for non-renewable materials may increase by up to 272 million cubic metres by 2050
- Consumption of primary processed wood products is expected increase to 3.1 billion cubic metre by 2050 (2.2 in 2020)
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945

## **MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships**

**200.** On October 7, the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), the apex institute of Ayurveda in India under the Ministry of AYUSH, and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan signed an MoU for academic establishment. The MoU was signed by Prof. Tanuja Nesari, Director, AIIA. The MoU will enable both countries to promote research collaboration and building capacities in the field of the Indian Ayurvedic system of traditional medicines. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- AIIA (Ministry of AYUSH) + National Institute of AIST (Japan) = an MoU for academic establishment
- HQs of AIIA – New Delhi | Director – Tanuja Manoj Nesari
- Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of AYUSH: Munjapara Mahendrabhai





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